

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A wind instrument comprising:

an elongated body having first and second ends, said elongated body including a passageway therein extending longitudinally along at least a portion of the length thereof between said first and second ends, a mouthpiece arranged at said first end of said elongated body and having an opening to permit air to be blown thereon such that the air will travel through at least part of said passageway, a plurality of apertures arranged along said elongated body and opening to said passageway, said elongated body including an upper side and a lower side, at least some of said plurality of apertures arranged at said upper side, said elongated body defining a compartment arranged at said lower side, and a light source mounted in said compartment operable to transmit light longitudinally along said lower side of said elongated body.
2. (original) In the wind instrument of claim 1 wherein the light source is disposed to transmit light through said elongated body.
3. (original) In the wind instrument of claim 2 wherein said elongated body comprises a translucent material.
4. (original) The wind instrument of claims 2 wherein said light source comprises at least one light-emitting diode (LED).

5. (original) The wind instrument of claim 4 wherein said light source comprises a plurality of LEDs.

6. (original) The wind instrument of claim 5 wherein said plurality of LEDs comprise multiple colored LEDs.

7. (original) The wind instrument of claim 1 further comprising a switch electrically connected to said light source for permitting a user to selectively activate and deactivate said light source.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The wind instrument of claim 8-1 wherein said compartment and said light source are arranged at said second end of said elongated body.

10. (currently amended) A musical instrument comprising:

a. a body made of translucent material and having means for operating the instrument thereon, said body having an upper side and a lower side, and including a compartment integrally affixed thereon at said lower side; and

b. a light assembly arranged within the compartment, said light assembly having at least one light-emitting device disposed to provide a light beam longitudinally along said lower side of body, a power source electrically connected to said at least one light-emitting device, and a switch for actuating the at least one light-emitting device between on and off states.

11. (original) The musical instrument of claim 10 wherein said body comprises a polymeric material.

12. (original) The musical instrument of claim 11 wherein said translucent material comprises plastic.

13. (original) The musical instrument of claim 10 wherein said translucent material of said body comprises natural or synthetic materials.

14. (original) The musical instrument of claim 10 wherein said light-emitting device comprises at least one incandescent light source.

15. (original) The musical instrument of claim 10 wherein said light-emitting device comprises at least one LED.

16. (original) The musical instrument of claim 10 wherein said light-emitting device comprises a plurality of LEDs operative to transmit a plurality of colored and colorless light beams.

17. (currently amended) A musical instrument comprising:

- a body made of translucent material and having a mouthpiece and a plurality of apertures thereon for operating the instrument, said body having an upper side and a lower side, and including a compartment integrally formed at said lower side thereon; and

b. a light assembly arranged within the integral compartment, said light assembly having a plurality of light-emitting devices disposed to direct light longitudinally along said lower side of said body, a power source for the light-emitting device, and a switch for actuating said plurality of light-emitting devices between on and off states.

18. (original) The musical instrument of claim 17 comprising electronic circuitry electrically connected to said switch for automatically activating and deactivating said plurality of light-emitting devices into on and off states.

19. (original) The musical instrument of claim 18 wherein said body comprises a polymeric material.

20. (original) The musical instrument of claim 19 wherein said light-emitting devices comprise a plurality of LEDs.